

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2621
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5354H.03C

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 311, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Ozark Highlands spirits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 311, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 311.028, to read as follows:

**311.028. 1. (1) To qualify as "Ozark Highlands" spirits, and to be labeled as
2 such for sale in Missouri, an aged product shall meet the following conditions:**

**3 (a) The product shall be mashed, fermented, distilled, aged, and bottled in the
4 Ozark Highlands region;**

5 (b) The product shall be aged in barrels manufactured in Missouri;

**6 (c) The water source shall be untreated or natural from natural springs or deep
7 wells in the Ozarks Highlands, and without chlorination or added chemicals such as
8 fluoride; and**

9 (d) The minimum age of a whiskey shall be four years.

**10 (2) To qualify as "Ozark Highlands" spirits, and to be labeled as such for sale in
11 Missouri, an unaged product, such as gin or vodka, shall meet the following conditions:**

**12 (a) The product shall be mashed, fermented, distilled, and bottled in the Ozark
13 Highlands region; and**

**14 (b) The water source shall be untreated or natural from natural springs or deep
15 wells in the Ozarks Highlands, and without chlorination or added chemicals such as
16 fluoride.**

**17 2. To additionally qualify as "Single Malt", the final product shall be distilled
18 and bottled at a single distillery.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **3. The product shall be further certified, by seal or other means, by the "Ozark**
20 **Highland Distillers Guild" as a qualifying "Ozark Highlands" product.**

21 **4. For the purposes of this section, the Missouri department of natural resources**
22 **shall produce, in collaboration with the "Ozark Highland Distillers Guild", and publish**
23 **an official map of the "Ozark Highlands" region.**

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